

Department of Philosophy: Graduate Seminar Series

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“Undetermined Action in a Causal World”

This presentation argues that determinism is plausibly compatible with categorically doing otherwise and non-Humean natural laws. To do so, this paper uses Barnes and Cameron’s model of metaphysical indeterminacy to argue for retrospective causation, the idea that actions are metaphysically undetermined in the moment, yet causally linked post facto, thereby preserving determinism. Various other issues—like the constraints of innate and acquired traits—are also addressed.

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